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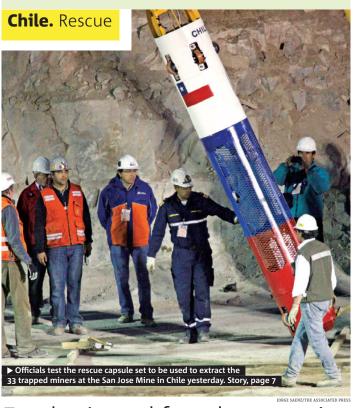
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# No concerts on Common, petition urges

▶ Latest attempt to ban Common shows ▶ Petition comes a week after news broke about Harold MacKay's concert promoting company closing ▶ HRM has said there will be no concerts on Common this summer



Opposition to concerts on the Halifax Common continues, even with one of the largest proponents of private events on the popular public green space out of business.

Connaught-Quinpool Coun. Jennifer Watts presented a petition of 2,135 names opposing concerts on the Common to Halifax regional council last night.

The petition, organized by Kenna Manos, requests "no more publicly subsidized-profit-driven concerts that prevent our use of the Halifax commons and the public green space be designated for the free use of all citizens."

The petition was read into the record at council last night, with no discussion. In March, Watts put forward a motion

In March, Watts put forward a motion that wound up being defeated 21-2 to ban concerts on the North Common, suggesting the Garrison Grounds on the other side of Citadel Hill was a more appropriate venue.

Garrison Grounds can accommodate up to 30,000 people — more than the to-

#### **Promoter out of business**

- Harold MacKay's Power Promotional Concepts, the promotion business behind the majority of the concerts on the Halifax Common, closed shop last month, leaving an undisclosed number of creditors holding the bill.
- While Coun. Jennifer Watts said she takes no pleasure in seeing an HRM business go under, "HRM itself has to step back ... and make its own decisions about where (concerts) are going to get placed."

tal number of concertgoers at this summer's Black Eyed Peas show. Of the estimated crowd of 20,000 who came to see the Peas, several thousand didn't even pay to get in, it's been reported.

There was a total of two outdoor con-

There was a total of two outdoor concerts on the Common this summer, "both of which could have fit quite nicely on the Garrison Grounds," Watts said.

She told council the Peas show and a two-day country rock festival featuring Alan Jackson in August offered a learning experience for the municipality.







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### **Committees to be consolidated**

Halifax regional council gave the go-ahead yesterday to bring about 40 municipal committees under the heading of six "standing committees."

Under the standing committee structure, the majority of previously existing committees will be grouped by themes.

For example, the new standing committee for transportation will include the current active transport committee, transit advisory committee and the regional trails advisory.

The new structure means more councillors will sit on fewer committees with larger mandates.

Coun. Steve Streatch, who sits on the membership selection committee responsible for the recommendation, called the move a "maturing" of council.

"This represents many, many months and indeed years ... to get to this point," he said.

Council was not without concerns, however.

Coun. Peter Lund expressed worries the creation of standing committees would add another level of governance. Municipal Clerk Cathy Mellet said staff believe they will have the opposite effect, making the committee process more efficient and effective.

But Coun. Jennifer Watts said her experience with

#### **Water vote**

- Council also voted last night to phase out purchasing bottled water in municipally owned buildings.
- All municipal buildings with access to clean water

the current committee structure seemed efficient and effective enough — a sentiment echoed by Coun. Gloria McCluskev.

Despite the concerns, an

 with the exception of community and recreation centres — are being asked to do the phasing out.

► The motion was amended by Coun. Steve Streatch to include the phrasing "when possible."

overwhelming majority voted for the standing committee structure, which will be implemented this fall.

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## Flu vaccine free of charge this year

Province encouraging everyone to get shots, especially people over 65, kids under 5, those with a chronic disease and caregivers

Just because it's free probably won't make it hurt any less.

The province is paying for this year's flu shot — which includes vaccines for H1N1, H3N2 and Influenza

Robert Strang, chief public health officer, said he's having a media launch tomorrow to announce the shots will be available then through doctors' offices, hospitals and long-term care facilities. Public health clinics will set up shop in a couple weeks and private nursing agencies will offer workplace clinics.

"We don't want or need people to rush out Thursday to try to get immunized right away, but it's really

#### **Government cost**

Between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million is how much the provincial government is doling out for enough vaccine for half the population of Nova Scotia.

looking for an opportunity over the next couple of months to make sure they've had their vaccination," Strang said. Besides, the flu is usually

Besides, the flu is usually polite enough to show up after the holidays.

H1N1 hit the country hard last year because it was a widespread new strain, but Strang said he doesn't expect another pandemic this year.



"What we're seeing is a small variation of existing strains, which is what happens in most regular flu seasons."

About half the population in the province got a flu shot last year and Strang said he's hoping at least that many will roll up their sleeves for the shot this year. • JENNIFER TAPLIN



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## Liberal calls for investigation

Liberal justice critic
Michel Samson is calling
on the Public Accounts
Committee to
investigate the practice
of turning away prisoners on weekends because
of overcrowding at the
Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside.
Samson wants the

committee to request the appearance of Sean Kelly, the province's director of correctional services, and Deputy Justice Minister Marian Tyson. The next scheduled meeting is to-

"The entire issue needs to be examined now," Samson says in a release.

Kelly told the CBC this month an estimated 15 inmates are turned away each week but are under house arrest at home.

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## Five honoured with Order

Five people will be invested into the Order of Nova Scotia this year, the province announced yesterday.

Premier Darrell Dexter said the award recognizes those who have brought honour and prestige to the province by making life better for Nova Scotia families.

The winners are:

- Burnley (Rocky) Allan Jones of Halifax, a champion of racial equality who established the Black United Front of Nova Scotia and the National Black Coalition of Canada.
- The late James Herbert Leonard Hill of Dartmouth, co-founder of the Christmas Daddies Telethon.
- J. Chalmers Doane of South Maitland, a leading music educator.
  Eva June Landry of St.
- Peter's, a teacher who became the first female super-



intendent of schools in Nova Scotia.

• The late Rev. William Robert (Bill) Pope of Mount Denson, a publisher and philanthropist.

The recipients were selected by an advisory council from 75 nominations from across the province.

The winners will be recognized at a ceremony Dec. 1 at the provincial legislature. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Speeder fined \$2,400

RCMP in western Nova Scotia have charged a motorist with stunt driving.

The unnamed driver was handed a \$2,400 fine for

travelling at 115 kilometres per hour in a 69 km/h zone. His car was also seized.

Police say the offence happened last week along Brooklyn Road in Yarmouth County.

The province's new stunt driving law includes various forms of dangerous driving other than racing.

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## New Glasgow chief testifies of tension



• Police review board hearing expected to wrap by week's end

The tense relationship between Nova Scotia Justice Minister Ross Landry and fired Stellarton Chief Police Ambrose Heighton continued to be the focus of testimony during a police review board hearing yesterday.

New Glasgow Police Chief Delaney Chisholm said, during this testimony before the Nova Scotia Police Review Board looking at the appeal of Heighton who was fired in 2008, that it was evident Heighton and Landry didn't get along.

"They certainly didn't like one another," he said. "That's the best way to describe it."

He said their dislike towards each other sometimes got in the way of their regular chief of police meetings.

"There were some comments back and forth," he said. "There were some disruptions because of the comments that came out from time to time on both sides."

Heighton was fired in 2008 after six complaints were lodged against him by

#### Incidents

Delaney Chisholm said the "strained relationship" between the two was common knowledge in the policing community and the provincial justice department. He said there were a number of incidents that added fuel to the fire between the two, including the RCMP conducting a drug investigation in Stellarton without informing Heighton, and Landry attending a meeting about possible regionalization between the municipal police units.

the RCMP. The complaints, two of which were filed by Landry, followed on the heels of a letter that Heighton says he received and passed on to the Department of Justice.

The letter alleges RCMP misconduct by local members. Heighton has denied writing the letter and its authorship has never been proven.

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### Luke back in court on theft charges

Rosamond Luke was back in court yesterday.

The woman who withdrew as a candidate in a federal riding and was fired from a charity in September, 2008, pleaded guilty to theft in a Halifax courtroom yesterday. Luke was campaigning for the Tories in the federal election in 2008 when the party discovered she had a criminal record. She withdrew from the race. She made bigger head-

#### Sentencing

 Rosamond Luke will be back in court Oct. 20 for sentencing.

lines later that month when she was fired by the All Women's Empowerment and Development Association (AWEDA) after the board discovered financial irregularities in the charity's books. She was reinstated a few weeks later pending an independent investigation, and police did not press charges from their investigation.

"She was in (yesterday) for a change of plea and she pleaded guilty to theft under \$5,000 and possession (of stolen property) under \$5,000," said Chris Hansen, with the Public Prosecution Service.

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## Knights to say 'Ni!' at arena near you

Monty Python's Spamalot stops at the Metro Centre this weekend Musical 'lovingly ripped off' from 1975's Monty Python and the Holy Grail



a musical about the Holy Grail and a killer rabbit — of course it's inspired by Monty Python.

Oh yeah, there's also ng Arthur (and his knights), cows and French people.

Spamalot, the Tony-winning best musical of 2005, is careening into the Halifax Metro Centre for shows this weekend.

Performances are set for Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m.

"It's a musical based on Monty Python's Holy Grail, but we also add spoofs from other Broadway musicals like Fiddler on the Roof, Phantom of the Opera and A Chorus Line," said Glenn Giron, a New Mexico-born actor who plays Patsy.

"It's fun every single night."

It's Giron's first trip to Canada, and he said he expects Canadians to have a better appreciation for Monty Python than Ameri-

"I feel like they're more in touch with European comedy.'

Mamma Mia, which hits the same stage in November, may have ABBA tunes, but Spamalot has inspirational music too.

Always Look on the Bright Side of Life and You Won't Succeed on Broadway are some favourites.

Giron said his favourite lyric is from the song I'm All Alone: "It seems quite clear to me/Because I'm working class/I'm just a horse's ass."

Adult tickets range in price from \$59.50 to \$75.50 and are available through ticketatlantic.com or phone at 451-1221.

"I get a little nervous every night, especially when I know Python fans are in the audience. because you can always tell. A character will come on stage and people will start clapping before they say any lines." ACTOR GLENN GIRON

ON THE PRESSURE OF LIVING UP TO MONTY PYTHON



#### **Dozing** vouth nabbed by

See where sleeping on

the job gets you?
A 17-year-old male youth is facing several charges after being arrested when police received a complaint of a

man sleeping in a vehicle in a parking lot in the 1000 block of Tower Road in Halifax yesterday.

Police say the youth was immediately arrested by officers for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and for being in possession of stolen property taken from other vehicles in the area.

The youth is charged with being in possession of a weapon and several property-related offences. METRO HALIFAX

#### **Charges follow** seizure of guns

tion are facing charges after police seized a cache of firearms at a home on the reserve.

Forty-eight-year-old Alexander Peter McDonald and 44-year-old Donna Marie Stephen of Millbrook First Nation face multiple charges following a search of their home.

The 45 charges include counts of illegal possession of firearms and improper storage of firearms, and one charge of possession of stolen property.

#### **Court date**

McDonald and Stephens will appear in Truro provincial court to face the charges Dec. 1.

There is also a charge of possession of a prohibited type of firearm cartridge.

RCMP say they found 18 firearms, including a pro-hibited handgun, two restricted handguns and 15 rifles at a Millbrook residence on Sept. 2.

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#### **NSCC** nears 11,000 in enrolment

Enrolment at the Nova Scotia Community College has increased by two per cent for the new school year, the institution announced yesterday.

There are 10,669 students enrolled at NSCC this fall, along with 90 in one-time-funded programs. • metro halifax

#### Country star Reid to come back

Country singing star Johnny Reid is coming back to Halifax to perform at the Metro Centre on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Saturday at 9 a.m. through ticketatlantic.com. The show will be filmed by PBS TV for an upcoming special.





### The wait for an end to Chilean mine crisis

• Anxiety high as first of 33 men trapped for 69 days emerges from mine Miners began to be lifted to surface one by one just after midnight



The first man to be freed from the San José mine was lifted to the surface just after midnight last night after miraculously surviving more than two months below ground.

Chile's Mining Minister Laurence Golborne announced the planned rescue at a news conference near the mine site yesterday, and as of press time rescuers had successfuly raised miner Florencio Avalos to the surface.

Right up until the first rescue, personnel had been carrying out final tests of the equipment used to lift the miners up to safety. These included testing the human capsule and winching system used

On Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception holiday in Chile — local authorities in the town of Copiapó near the stricken mine are planning to present each miner with a distinguished citizens' award, the Illustrious Sons of Chile Medal.

to bring the miners up from below one by one, Golborne informed journalists.

Since Aug. 5, the 33 miners have been trapped underground at the San José mine near Copiapó, northern Chile, enduring 68 days of fear, trepidation



and yearning for freedom. It is the longest ordeal ever

suffered by a group of miners caught underground.

#### **Concern for miners** as Chile preps fiesta

Media outlets at Camp Hope near the mine site reported there was a huge sense of excitement building up among the miners' families. The miners' relatives have been immersed in the grand preparations to welcome Chile's trapped miners upon their rescue.

However, a leading psychologist at the mine has warned that the miners should be received in a most appropriate fashion, allowing them to enjoy a considerable period of seri-ous rest before any major partying.

Alberto Iturra, the chief of the psychologists' team supporting the trapped miners, along with members of the Chilean Security Association, wants to put a damper on the impending festivities, recommending a minimum rest period of 15 days for the miners upon their rescue.

"The miners should pay no attention to invitations from people who haven't gone through what they have. To be exposed to a sit-uation involving unre-

#### **Festivities**

- Despite medical officials' warnings of restraint. towns and villages across Chile are revving up their plans for major festivities to greet the rescued min-
- In the south of the country, the province of Ranco is preparing in earnest to rejoice in native Juan Carlos Aguilar's safe return, organizing a massive reception in honour of their miner hero.
- Relatives and friends of Jimmy Sánchez, 19, the youngest trapped miner, are set to host a "megaparty" to celebrate the imminent rescue of the 33 miners trapped 700 metres deep in the San José mine.

served celebrating is clearunwise," Chilean psychologist.



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## B.C. sex workers get OK to fight prostitution law

▶ Follows Ontario judge's ruling striking down prostitution laws ▶ Group considering safety factors

A retired B.C. prostitute and a group representing sextrade workers on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside will be able to move forward with their court challenge of Canada's anti-prostitution laws.

In a ruling released yesterday, the B.C. Court of Appeal set aside a lower court's conclusion that the two didn't have standing to challenge the case because only active sex workers could be named in the action. The court concluded Sheryl Kiselbach and the Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence Society have a public interest right to challenge the laws. The B.C. case was

#### Legal, but ...

Prostitution in Canada is technically legal, but there are prohibitions on keeping a bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution or living off the avails of prostitution in B.C. Those laws force sex workers onto the streets, where they face an increased risk of violence, Sheryl Kiselbach says.

first launched in 2007, but the new ruling comes just weeks after an Ontario Superior Court judge on another case struck down the three laws that criminalize most sex work in that province. Kiselbach said it's important their case go forward in B.C., even though the Ontario case could be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, because for now, that ruling is binding only in Ontario.

Kiselbach said she envisions prostitutes working in some type of home so they can get off the streets.

"I would just like people to be able to work indoors together without fear of the law instead of having car dates. Car dates are extremely dangerous," she told a news conference, saying sex workers must have control over how they meet clients. THE CANADIAN PRESS



#### Guinness crowns smallest man

Nepal's Khagendra Thapa Magar, who is only 56 centimetres tall, will turn 18 years old tomorrow. The Guinness World Records will award him a certificate for being the world's smallest man.

#### Crash details

- Road and railway accidents are common in Ukraine, where the roads are in poor condition and vehicles poorly cared for.
- ➤ The Dnipropetrovsk branch of the Emergency Situations Ministry said 38 people died on the spot and five more in the hospital. The victims included a child and two teenagers.
- Prime Minister Mykola Azarov declared tomorrow a day of mourning and ordered his government to pay the family of each of the dead passengers 100,000 hryvna (\$12,600).

## Ukraine reeling from train track tragedy

A train locomotive rammed through a stalled passenger bus on a railroad crossing in eastern Ukraine yesterday, killing 43 people and injuring eight others as the bus was pushed 300 metres down the tracks.

Investigators said the bus driver ignored the siren of the oncoming train, and the bus stalled on the tracks as the driver tried to shift gears. Witnesses said the driver also ignored a red light.

The yellow bus was smashed into a pile of metal by the blue locomotive, which was not pulling any

cars. Television footage showed emergency workers piling bodies alongside the tracks outside the town of Marhanets in the Dnipropetrovsk region.

"The driver violated traffic rules," said Lyudmila Bolshakova, spokeswoman for local police.

Ukraine's Railways said the train driver saw the bus heading toward the tracks and sounded the distress siren, which the driver ignored. The train driver applied the emergency brake system, but the locomotive was unable to stop in time.

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## **Volunteers:** *Public Advisory Committee*

Nova Scotia Power is forming a Public Advisory Committee to assist in identifying the best way to increase the electrical transmission capacity to Dartmouth, Cole Harbour and Eastern Passage. The capacity increase is needed to meet growing customer demand.

Our efforts to date have identified a number of community representatives from the Cole Harbour area willing to participate in the committee. We continue to seek volunteers, particularly from Eastern Passage and the Penhorn/Woodlawn area.

The committee will meet on a regular basis for a number of months. Committee members will be selected to represent a broad spectrum of community interests.

If you would like to be considered for the committee, please submit your name and contact information, along with information on your community involvement, to Terry Toner, Project Manager, at terry.toner@nspower.ca. For more information on the project, go to www.nspower.ca/harboureast.



#### Russian man claims discovery

A Russian archaeologist claimed yesterday to have found the well-preserved ruins of a "Caucasian Stonehenge" built by a previously unknown Bronze Age civilization in southern Russia.

Andrey Belinskiy said circular settings made of stones were found at one of some 200 settlements that date back to 1600 B.C. and are located in the North Caucasus mountains.

They have been found in the past five years by a Russian-German expedition he heads, Belinskiy said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



#### Non, says population

Workers tried to shut down France yesterday with strikes affecting airports, public transportation and schools in a showdown with President Nicolas Sarkozy over his government's attempt to raise the retirement age by two years to save money.

### Feds to balance budget in five years: Flaherty

Ottawa deficit hit a record \$55.6 billion last year
 No new spending or cost-cutting measures in update

Ottawa suffered the biggest deficit in history last year at \$55.6 billion, but Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the government remains on track to balance the budget in just over five years.

In a fiscal update delivered yesterday, Flaherty said Ottawa is roughly on track with its projections for spending and revenues and will record its first surplus in eight years in 2015-16.

The plan to bring the budget back to balance will ensure that the federal debt, measured relative to the size of the economy, resumes its downward track by 2012-13," Flaherty told a lunch hosted by the Mississauga Chinese Business Association.



"Our government's commitment to return to balanced budgets stems from our fundamental belief that the private sector ... must be Canada's economic engine of growth, not government."

Unlike in some past

years, the government unveiled no new spending or cost-cutting measures in the update, but it did contain some surprises.

Owing to a one-time cost of \$5.6 billion for transitional assistance to Ontario and British Columbia to change to a harmonized sales tax this year, the 2009-2010 deficit hit a record \$55.6 billion.

That's \$1.8 billion more than budgeted for in March and about \$10 billion more than the previous biggest in the early 1990s.

But this year's deficit—the 2010-11 period—is expected to be \$3.7 billion less than the \$49.2 billion shortfall previously projected.

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#### GAP goes back to blue

The casualwear chain will keep its well-known logo after all. The new logo, unveiled last week online, irritated fans, spurring them to gripe about it on the web. Confused fans took to Twitter, Facebook and tech bloos to complain.

#### Exports key for small businesses

A new study suggests more Canadian small businesses need to turn their attention towards exports in order to thrive.

CIBC economist
Benjamin Tal says smaller
businesses that focused on
the domestic market did
fare better during the recession. But he says times
have changed and the
same small businesses
should now shift their focus outside Canada's borders as more opportunities
emerge.

The report says small businesses are responsible for about one-third the value of total Canadian exports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

9%

The report by CIBC found only nine per cent of small- and mid-size companies are involved in exports, a decrease from 10.7 per cent in 2000.

#### Best Buy to ramp up holiday hires

Electronics retailer Best Buy says it will hire 2,000 seasonal workers across Canada for the hectic holiday shopping season.

The move will increase its Canadian workforce by more than 35 per cent during the one of the busiest times of the year for retailers.

Best Buy Canada has more than 6,500 employ-

ees at its 70 stores across the country.

The announcement comes on the heels of a similar hiring push at fellow Canadian electronics giant Future Shop, which said it would hire 4,000 seasonal staff.

Both companies are owned by U.S. retailer Best Buy Co.

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#### Icahn backs Lions Gate's MGM bid

Lions Gate is offering to combine its business with MGM in a deal supported by billionaire investor Carl Icahn, who owns stakes in both studios.

Vancouver-based Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. said yesterday it has sent a proposal for a combination with financially troubled Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. Lions Gate said the



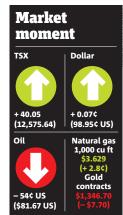
combined company would be owned by its shareholders and by MGM's creditors. These include Icahn.

Terms weren't disclosed,

though a report in the Los Angeles Times said the deal would give MGM's lenders a 55 per cent in the combined company.

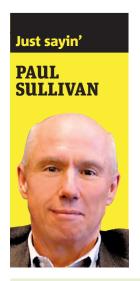
Icahn said the deal is better than a current proposal to combine MGM with privately held production company Spyglass Entertainment.

Icahn has been trying to buy Lions Gate for more than a year but has been rebuffed by the boutique film studio. Icahn's tender offer for Lions Gate worth \$7.50 per share expires Oct. 22. THE CANADIAN PRESS





### HIGH NOON FOR ORGANIZED RELIGION



Toronto has become quite the staging ground for what's left of western culture.

irst, we had Hollywood North, a.k.a. the Toronto International Film Festival, which rivals, even surpasses, Cannes for celebrity sightings. Now we have Oxford West, in which two famous Brits will go at it hammer and tong over this \$64,000 question: "Be it resolved, religion is a force of good for the world."

For the affirmative: Former U.K. prime minister Tony Blair, who has come out of the closet as an unapologetic Roman Catholic; and for the negative: Christopher Hitchens, the world's foremost godless

heathen.

It will be High Noon for organized religion, (Exalted Noon?) or more accurately 7 p.m. Nov. 26 at Roy Thomson Hall, this year's edition of the Munk lectures, sponsored by our most eminent gold digger, Peter Munk. Maybe he should have had them debate that other famous theological question: Is it easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?

Here in Vancouver, where Justin Bieber is next up, we can only watch from afar, with awe. Blair is the author of the No. 1 bestselling memoir on the stands at the moment, and Hitchens is notoriously the author of God Is NOT Great: How Religion Poisons Everything, which

singlehandedly spawned a movement called the New Atheism. These guys got game

ism. These guys got game. Actually, I don't know if religion has anything to do with it, but Blair looked fabulous — fit and hearty — on Letterman the other night, while Hitchens looks just terrible: Overweight, haggard and grim. It doesn't help that he is undergoing chemotherapy for esophageal cancer, but years of excess have taken their toll.

It also doesn't help that he's probably the world's most hated man: Long a left-wing gadfly, he was abandoned by the left for throwing his support behind the war on terror. Whereas the right doesn't know what to do with him since he's spent most of his adult life bashing the right's favourite poster girl, Mother Theresa, for being a

sanctimonious hypocrite. He's an equal opportunity curmudgeon.

I'm not sure who is adjudicating the debate: Pope Benedict? Bill Maher? Osama bin Laden by remote from his cave? Madonna?

And I'm not sure how you score points — Jihad: Zero? Christmas: 8 out of 10? Speaking in tongues: Just weird?

Never mind. Break out the good sherry, this is exactly the kind of cultural imperialism we need more of: MMA for nerds! Intellectual Smackdown!

Nobody asked me, but this beats So You Think You Can Dance, Eh? all to ... heck.

Just sayin'.



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#### Cartoon

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## California homegrown

#### Worth mentioning

Mexico's drug traffickers are likely to lose customers in America's largest pot consuming state if California legalizes marijuana, but they won't lose much money overall because California's residents already prefer to grow their own, according to a study released yesterday.

That means the proposal on the state's November ballot to legalize marijuana also will do little to quell the drug gangs' violent and sophisticated organizations that generate billions of dollars a year, according to the study by the nonpartisan RAND Drug Poli-

**Budding entrepreneurs** 



cy Research Center.

Californians, who make up one-seventh of the U.S. marijuana market, already are farming marijuana at a much higher rate than in neighbouring states and tend to buy domestic rather than smuggled marijuana, the study found

California voters will decide next month

whether to legalize and tax their own recreational use of marijuana.

The measure is being closely watched in Mexico, where more than 28,000 people have died in drug violence since Mexico's President Felipe Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime in late 2006.

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Should marijuana be legalized? Why or why not? Email halifaxletters @metronews.ca Twitter @metrohalifax

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## Metro Minute with Fathers & Sons

A new play at Neptune's Studio Theatre is set into four parts like a piece of classical music.

Fathers & Sons tells the story of a family through

the years.

"The play grew out of a desire to write about family — to explore what I think is the deepest, most poignant and primal of our relationships," said

Don Hannah, award-winning Maritime author in a release.

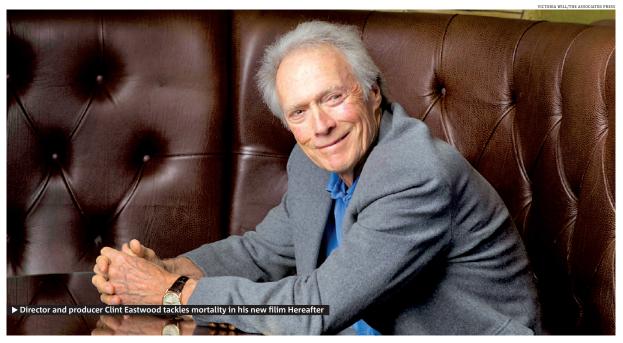
"So much of my writing
— both novels and plays
— comes out of my childhood in New Brunswick
and my life in Nova Scotia."

The play started yesterday, but the official opening night is Thursday.

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## Eastwood looking towards the afterlife

Clint Eastwood ponders mortality with Hereafter, muses about his turning 80 this year • Director has lots to live up to with past successes

Eastwood, turned 80 this year, recalls how his longtime production designer Henry Bumstead once answered a question about growing old

Bumstead, who kept working until his death four years ago at 91, replied: "Oh, to be 80 again."

"I thought, yeah, that's it," Eastwood said in an interview at the Warner Bros. office he has occupied since 1976. "When I'm 80, I'll be saying, 'Oh, to be 70 again,' or something like that."

The prolific director, who entered a career peak in his 70s with such films as Million Dollar Baby and Mystic River, said he aims to keep working as long as he's able and gives little thought to mortality, the subject of his new drama Hereafter, which follows

#### "I don't think too much about it. I don't feel any different than I did at 70"

CLINT EASTWOOD

three characters searching for answers about life after death.

Now that he is 80, how old does he feel? "Eighteen," Eastwood jokes, before dismissing the age issue with a shrug.

"I don't think too much about it. I don't feel any different then I did at 70." different than I did at 70, Eastwood said. "Whatever I feel internally, now is the best age for me, because I feel better now, I guess because I've lived a lot of life. I've been able to accomplish a certain amount of things, and I haven't beaten anybody up doing it. So I'm OK about it."

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#### Hereafter

What its about:

The film Hereafter opens with a visceral effects sequence as a French journalist (Cecile de France) has a near-death experience in a tsupami. The film weaves among her search for answers about the afterlife, and the story of a reluctant American psychic (Damon), who views his ability to connect people with dead loved ones as a curse.



#### Together again



When Conan O'Brien debuts his new, late night talk show on TBS he'll have an old friend and colleague by his side. Andy Richter will serve as sidekick on Conan. Richter said he's "thrilled" to be working with O'Brien and he's most exited about getting out of the house again." The Tonight Show. Conan will premiere Monday, Nov. 8, at 11 p.m. on TBS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS











## A living memorial to legend Johnny Cash

The great Johnny Cash is being remembered one brushstroke at a time

One brushstroke at a time, The Johnny Cash Project is gathering illustrations sub-mitted by fans online into a living portrait of the country music legend.

The project is a unique Web-only music video where every frame is a fancreated drawing. Directed by Chris Milk, it's set to Cash's Ain't No Grave, the track from the numous album reposthumous leased earlier this year.

Work on the project — a complex mix of software design and editing gan last September.

The website launched in March. After more than 250,000 submissions, a broadcast version of the video has been released for TV stations and eligibility for 2010 Grammy nominations

For Milk, who has directed videos for Kanye West and Gnarls Barkley, the project is a "living me-

"He's singing about the eternal life of his spirit, and the way his spirit lives on is through all of his collective fans."

DIRECTOR OF THE JOHNNY CASH PROJECT, CHRIS MILK



In this image from video released by The Johnny Cash Project, a scene is shown from the Chris Milk video, The Johnny Cash Project.

morial" that befits the song. In it, Cash sings, "There ain't no grave gonna hold my body gonna hold my down.

"He's singing about the eternal life of his spirit, and the way his spirit lives on is through all of his collective fans," says Milk. "This project becomes a physical manifestation of his fans' love."

Though the response hasn't been as considerable for Ain't No Grave, Milk hopes the broadcast release will attract more attention. Lou Robin, Cash's longtime manager who handles business affairs for the Johnny Cash Estate, said the Cash Estate was pleased with the video

as a memorial.

There are numerous versions, including edits that gather the most realistic illustrations, the most abstract drawings and the highest-rated frames.

Each frame is labeled with the artist, and all contributors are listed in the Credits.
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## Kiss called off

• Flamboyant rocker agrees to turn down the heat for Malaysian concert

Decomes one of a list of musicians to tailor performance for country

Adam Lambert pledged yesterday to obey Malaysian government rules that forbid the flamboyant, openly gay glam rocker from kissing anyone onstage at a planned concert this week, but called it "a tough decision."

The American Idol runner-up, who is touring Asia, told The Associated Press in Hong Kong that his "main goal is to keep people entertained - not to make them uncomfortable."

Lambert is slated to perform Thursday at a stadium in Muslim-majority Malaysia's biggest city, Kuala Lumpur.

Lambert has agreed to heed restrictions against stripping, jumping and kissing onstage, said Yuen-See Cho, a representative for concert co-organizer Sony Music Entertainment Malaysia.

"It's something I'm doing out of respect," Lambert stated in an interview with the AP that took place before his Hong Kong concert.

"It's just one little thing. Man kissing another man is something that government really doesn't appreciate"

"I think it's a tough decision to make, but to me, there are so many amazing fans in Malaysia that it's more important for me to be able to come and do my show there for them and entertain them and thank them for supporting me," he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Gorillaz stay Glee-free



• Lead singer calls show's hits 'a very poor substitute for the real thing'

The virtual band Gorillaz isn't exactly going bananas over the television musical series Glee.

Lead singer Damon Albarn says he's not interested in letting the hit show perform covers of his band's songs.

"We wouldn't let that happen," Albarn said in an

interview with The Associated Press last week.

"And not that they've asked us because they haven't, and now they definitely won't," he continued with a laugh.

Gorillaz is best known for their Grammy-winning jam Feel Good Inc., which features De La Soul. The group released two platinum-selling albums, and their latest, Plastic Beach, was released to the public in March.

Glee, the Fox television musical series about a high school glee club, recently premiered its second season. The show features cover songs from a slew of

top artists, including episodes based on performers like Madonna and Britney Spears.

Gorillaz kicked off the North American leg of their Escape to Plastic Beach World Tour earlier this month. It wraps up in Vancouver on Nov. 3.

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## Musician pleads not guilty to drinking and driving charges

A lawyer for rocker Vince Neil entered not guilty pleas for the Motley Crue singer on misdemeanour drunken driving and speeding charges. Attorney Richard Schonfeld said Monday his 49-year-old client didn't have to appear for the pleas in Las Vegas Justice Court. Trial was set for Jan. 6. Neil is accused of having a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 per cent and driving his Lamborghini 60 mph in a 45 mph zone before being stopped by police on June 27 near the Las Vegas Strip..

The state's legal limit for drivers is 0.08 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## BET awards aim to honour

Ruby Dee and Missy Elliott will be among those honoured as part of the Black Girls Rock! awards show on PET

Black Girls Rock! is an organization founded by DJ

Beverly Bond. It mentors young black girls and combats negative images of black women in the media

The ceremony, to be held Saturday, will air Nov.7. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** 





## **Knight shows nerves**

#### • Former Grey's castmember stars in theatrical salute to stage and actors

Even with his name up in lights on a Broadway marquee, former Grey's Anatomy star T.R. Knight is achingly insecure.

The fact that he's now starring — and getting equal billing — with the mighty Patrick Stewart in a David Mamet play hasn't chased away the 37-year-old actor's gnawing fear that it could all be taken away

"You wonder if they pulled the name from the right list," he says, only half-joking,

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during an interview in the empty Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre. "I haven't been canned yet. But you never know."

Some of Knight's self-effacement might be due to a bronchial infection that's sapping his strength. Some of it may be simply due to his apparent ego-less personality.

But much of it is the result of the ups and downs of a show biz career that began at age five.

You set your expectations low so you're not disappointed and then something like this happens and it's fantastic. So then you go to the next job and it's like, 'Now I'll never work again,''' he says. "We choose a job where we're rejected 99 per cent of the time. We have to be just completely bonkers in order to do that."

Knight might not be appearing on Broadway in A Life in the Theatre if he hadn't last year walked away from his role as Dr. George O'Malley on on the

ABC medical drama.

He asked to be released from his contract early after realizing his part was not fulfilling.

"It was time to go," Knight says of his decision. "Looking back, I learned so much and it was so valuable. But there are times in anybody's job where you feel the best decision is to move on.

"It doesn't detract from the knowledge that I gained, and it doesn't detract from my gratitude." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Mad world

Metro chats with Mad Men co-stars Jon Hamm and Elisabeth Moss about the show's enormous success and its influence on popular culture.

Mad Men has received critical acclaim across the globe. How do you explain its incredible success?

Elisabeth Moss: I think it all started with amazing writing and the show's concept that proved to be very seductive. It then became a more deep and subtle story about the characters themselves.

Jon Hamm: The reason the show works is because it is about people. The characters are not defined by the time or space but by their personality and the relationships they have with one another. I think that is what's keeping people glued to the

#### Mad Men even seems to have influenced fashion this year...

Jon Hamm: It's a great compliment to our show to think that the first season of Mad Men could have been an inspiration to fashion. I must say that both men and women had a very sexy look back then. Paying attention to your style is a good thing. We damn sure moved far away

re from Han that in the nineties.

#### What common traits you do share with your characters?

Elisabeth Moss: As an actor, you can't help but bring a part of yourself into the character, even if I'm very different from Peggy in real life. Still, there is a lot of me in her.

Jon
Hamm: I
don't have a
tremendous amount of
common traits with Don
Draper. But I do believe
there are similarities be-

Draper. But I do believe there are similarities between our characters in the show. Peggy and Don both have a lot of ambition. They have a desire to excel, and to go above and beyond. In my life I have the desire to succeed and

to achieve. metro

## Moore moola

Demi Moore is selling two 19th century European paintings at auction, including a French work the actress says inspired her because of the artist's depiction of strong women.

women.
William Bouguereau's
Frere et Soeur, an oil painting of a young woman tenderly holding her baby
brother, could fetch up to
\$1.5 million at Sotheby's
on Nov. 4.

It was painted in 1887 by the French artist whose work is enjoying renewed interest.

Moore's other painting, Mere et Ses Enfants by Belgian painter Alfred Stevens, is estimated to



bring up to \$200,000.

While she loves both paintings, Moore said "it is time for a change."

Moore acquired the works in 1995, paying \$178,500 for Frere et Soeur and \$200,500 for the Stevens piece.

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#### TV picks

### Awkward encounters abound

**COMEDY.** It's a night of sensitive conversations. Claire tries to stop Phil from giving an unfunny speech while Mitchell tries to get Cameron to modify his wardrobe on Modern Family. And a new episode of Cougar Town follows, in which

Grayson decides to tell Jules about his fling with Laurie. (Citytv, ABC)

#### Undercovers in Ireland

ACTION J.J. Abrams' husband-and-wife spy show Undercovers takes a trip to Ireland in tonight's episode. The couple find themselves searching for a prisoner who can help them locate a vital CIA hard drive. (Citytv, NBC)



#### **Outlaw** is out

The new Jimmy Smits drama Outlaw is headed for Saturday night and then oblivion.

NBC said Monday that the series will air at 8 p.m. EDT Saturday through Nov. 15, with a pre-emption on Oct. 30. Then the show will be off the network's schedule.

Ratings for Outlaw dwindled on Friday nights after a respectable showing last month for the first episode. It debuted on a Wednesday night after the finale of summertime hit America's Got Talent but couldn't convert the coattails introduction into success.

Production on Outlaw has been suspended. The legal drama had an

In legal drama had an unlikely premise, with Smits as a U.S. Supreme Court justice who quits the high court to return to his own private practice.

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#### **Moss says** coke scandal helped her career

While it may seem like Kate Moss' cocaine scandal in 2005 hurt her career, her agent insists it actually helped. "I basically just spent a lot of time on the phone trying to reassure her big clients that you can't believe everything you read and, unfortunately, all press actually is good press in this world we live in," agent Sarah Doukas savs in a BBC radio interview. The Daily Mail reports that Moss' annual profits have doubled since the scandal, from \$3.2 million to \$6.3 mil-



#### weeting to Demi's heart

Ashton Kutcher is ignoring infidelity rumours and talking about how he and wife Demi Moore show their affection — by using Twitter. "A lot of times my wife and I sit across from each

other and Tweet. It's a lit-tle bizarre," he tells Reuters while in Israel this week. "It's the same reason why you send roses to a woman at work. Sometimes people like

to be adored in public." A Kutcher spokesperson denies the couple is in Israel to secretly renew their wedding vows, as sources have claimed.

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#### More dish

#### **Aguilera splits** with hubby

After five years of marriage, Christina Aguilera and husband Iordan Bratman have separated, according to Us Weekly. "They are now living apart, and they will see how that goes," says a source close to the singer. "They were very much in love, but over the last six months, it —became clear they were more like friends than husband and wife. Aguilera had re-



edly suggested they use their August trip to Italy to rekindle their

romance. "but it didn't help," the source says.

#### Nici, of Beckham fame. now in hospital

Irma Nici, the alleged prostitute being sued by David Beckham over claims she had sex with him, has been hospitalized with heart trouble, according to Page Six.

A spokesperson for Nici says her health was weakened by stress. Beckham is suing Nici for \$7 million, insisting her claims that they slept together several times are false.

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## Cox-Arquette hyphen deleted

Courteney Cox and David Arquette have separated, they announced in a statement this week. "We have agreed to a trial separation that dates back for some time," the statement read. "We are comfortable with the boundaries that we have established for each other during this separation." And sources are saying that Arquette has already moved on - with a Los Angeles bartender named Jasmine Waltz. "Jasmine and David have been hooking up recently," a source tells Life & Style. Waltz was also accused recently of punching Lindsay Lohan in the face at nightclub Voyeur.



#### **Radcliffe** looking forward to the stage

Daniel Radcliffe is looking forward to his return to Broadway for more than one reason. The Harry Potter star is set to star in a revival of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, and he can't wait to meet his co-stars. "I've been in relationships from the age of 14 and now I'm single," he tells Dazed and Confused magazine. " said to a friend the other day, 'Dude, I'm doing a show with dancers. I've got to be single." ● METRO

#### Friends' star weds

While former Friends castmate Courteney Cox's marriage is ending, David Schwimmer recently tied the knot, according to Hollyscoop. The actor married his girlfriend, Zoe Buckman, in June.

#### **Celebrity tweets**

Judd **Apatow** [A]JuddApatowl I can see how reading other people's tweets can



my life. I need to reconsider this hobby.

50 Cent [A50cent] It kills me when people try to front like I'm not nice. Maybe after the next 40 million record sold they will keep it real.

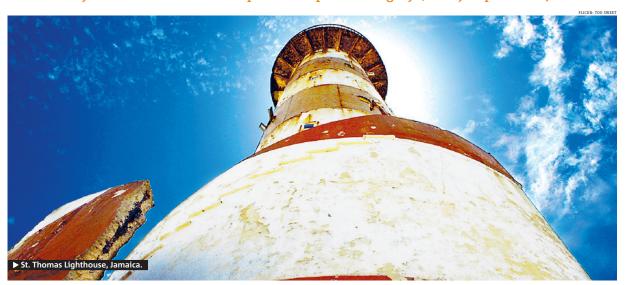
#### Snooki

[@Sn00ki] Dear youtube, please hurry up your main-tenance so my video can upload, thanks

#### Jessica Simpson [AJessica Simpson] First day off today in over a

month and realized that even when I take a day offmy life is always at work and it is a BEAUTIFUL thing. • METRO

Everybody is relaxed in Jamaica, even apparently the sharks who will sit on your lap • If you've swam with the dolphins and petted stingrays, then jump in with Jaws



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brings new twist to that bad old joke "Is that a Shark in your lap, or

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fested pool, and reluctantly plunked myself down on a chair submerged below the water, just in time for a trained guide to toss a giant 10 foot nurse shark directly onto my lap. Was I close to having a heart attack, or a bladder accident? Admit-

tedly, yes! At first this huge shark just seemed to lie there resting, while my quivering hand gingerly stroked its sandpaper-like back. Nurse sharks have literally thousands of serrated teeth, and have been known to bite humans when they are annoyed. I was doing my absolute best not to annoy this shark on my lap.

Then, to be funny, my guide quickly fed the shark a fish, and it suddenly started thrashing around in a feeding frenzy, right there on my lap. I didn't find this all that funny. More horrifying, actually. Still, when it was all over and I emerged shaking, but alive from the water. I felt almost proud.

#### **Must do** activities while in **Jamaica**

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#### **Shopping near Montego** Bay:

The island has the usual tourist shops featuring carvings, paintings and souvenirs, but you will get great bang for your buck. \$10 Canadian equals more than \$800, so you'll have money left over for a famous Jamaican jerk chicken. Local merchants are especially friendly and helpful.

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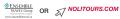




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- 2A mini flashlight the light disposable type is invaluable for Third World destinations where power failures are frequent.
- Always carry emergency 3toilet paper or a package of tissues.
- Handiwipes are perfect when hand-washing facilities aren't readily available.



Don't leave home without your eyeshades or your earplugs.

6 Carry clothespins for those hotel drapes that refuse to close properly.

A small roll of electrical tape has a myriad of us-

Don't throw away the plastic canister that your film comes in They make perfect do-it-yourself sewing kits.

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ing.
"Whatever is seasonal and whatever you have on hand can be given to your baby," says Nicole Young of Toronto. She is a trained chef, food stylist, recipe developer, food writer and the mother of two chil-

"If you have ever looked at jars of baby food in the supermarket and in particular strained chicken, it is akin to cat food and is gross," she says.

Young says that there are many benefits to giving your child homemade baby

"You are choosing the produce so it is going to be higher quality, it is going to taste better as it is real food and you are going to get the baby to table foods much faster."



Acknowledging some mothers will say they don't have time to make their own baby food, she maintains that it takes little effort.

"Right now moms and tots groups are very popular where they get together for support and enjoy-ment," Young says. "I suggest everyone pick one vegetable, process it and freeze in ice cube trays and swap at the next get-together." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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#### **Making** vour own baby food is easy

Here are two nutritious recipes to appeal to your little one.

#### Avocado Banana Rice **Preparation:**

In a bowl, stir together rice, avocado, banana and applesauce until well combined. Refrig-

erate leftovers for up to 2 days.

#### **Rice Pudding** Preparation:

- In a medium saucepan, combine rice and water. Bring to a boil over mediumhigh heat. Cover, reduce heat and cook until rice is tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, about 20 minutes
- Stir in apple, banana and milk and cook for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired.

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#### Ingredients:

#### Avocado Banana Rice Mash

- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked white or brown rice
- 1/2 avocado, mashed • 1/2 banana, mashed
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) unsweet-

#### ened applesauce Rice Pudding

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) uncooked rice
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## Fishy past can trip up job hunt

• Overcome the stigma of criminal record or employment gap



Leaping over the usual job search hurdles — computerized resume scans, scripted job interviews, routine background checks and calls placed to references — is a daunting enough feat in an ice age of hiring freezes and a high unemployment.

Bury a criminal record, a youthful mishap, or even an eyebrow-arching employment gap onto that resume, and you could easily feel like the last untouchable the corporate community will ever deign to hire.

That self-skepticism, motivational coach Eric Mayo warns, is one of the true burdens of a criminal past. "I wouldn't rule out applying to a job you feel qualified for," he encourages

"You may get only some of the jobs you apply for, but you get none of the jobs you don't apply for."

That said, some enterprises put out a softer welcome mat than others. The powers-thathire at small businesses or independent temping agencies are more likely to shrug their shoulders at a one-off battle with the law than an HR rep towing multinational corporate policy.

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a background check, career consultant Cynthyia Shapiro recommends the

"Sign-and-Smile" strate-

gy.

"The trick that companies have figured out is that if they put this background check form thing in front of you, nine times out of

ten, you'll confess," she explains. "So sign it with a big smile on your face, hand it back, say thanks — and hope they don't actually check."

A more direct answer, however, may require a more direct answer, Mayo cautions.

When confronted about a lapse in your career history or some red ink on your police papers, he suggests the following response: "I'm glad you asked about that because I want you to feel comfortable hiring me. I've made some bad choices, but I've learned from them"

"Focus less on the past than on what you've been doing since, like continuing your education," he offers. "Be honest. If someone asks you a straight question, give them a straight answer."

#### COURTS SYMPATHETIC TO STAFF DISHONESTY

avid Leitner could have made Pinocchio proud. But, as his employer Wyeth Canada recently learned, proof of workplace dishonesty may be present, but it seldom matters if the punishment doesn't fit the crime.

Having conducted a random audit into employee expense claims, Wyeth determined that Leitner had lied on a number of his claims and that he knowingly submitted personal receipts for reimbursement.

Leitner was summoned to an unscheduled interview and asked to justify his actions. Leitner explained that, he disliked filling out expense reports and often submitted the claim long after the expenses were incurred and when his recollection of the expense had long since faded. Further, since some of the receipts were

missing, he admitted to us-

ing personal receipts instead. Leitner adamantly denied trying to defraud the company. Instead, he pleaded that he was simply trying to get reimbursed for the money he spent.

Wyeth did not buy Leitner's explanation. The company believed he was dishonest to the point of being fraudulent. Although the total cost of the expenses in question was less than \$500, Wyeth fired Leitner for "just cause" The legal doctrine of "just cause" allows employers to terminate employees without notice or severance where their conduct is so grave, no employer should be expected to tolerate it. However, Canadian courts only consider the most severe forms of misconduct sufficient to meet this test.

Here, Ontario Superior Court Justice Romain Pitt found that Leitner's termination for just cause was not justified. According to Justice Pitt, Leitner's conduct was more akin to recklessness not fraudulence and Wyeth should have considered his long record of good service before firing him for just cause. What can employees and employers take from this case?

— Employees should challenge being terminated for just cause, even if they have engaged in some misconduct. Given the courts' predilection for awarding severance, the ends often justify the means.

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— Similarly, employers should not terminate employees for cause where another form of discipline is more appropriate. I have won cases by showing a suspension was more suitable than dismissal.

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## Studying social media to get ahead

Showcase your work by using Facebook, LinkedIn • Students must take control of their online image



Social media can help you make friends but can it help you get a degree, or even a job?

Experts say yes, as long as you clean up your act a bit first.

Beyond offering fun ways of keeping in touch, online sites like Facebook, LinkedIn or ePortfolio.org hold a lot of potential for sharing ideas beyond the classroom and connecting you to employers.

Tim Richardson, a professor of e-commerce who teaches at the University of Toronto, uses social media sites like YouTube as a direct part of his classes and he encourages students to showcase the work they're proud of, like research presentations, online. He says social media can impact the classroom in a positive way because it often allows for active communication.

"Learning is not just about how we teach the course but it's about stu-

"The value of social media at school comes from a number of things increased connectedness, building reputation, building presence and going outside of the boundaries of what's normal in the classroom." DAVID VOGT

dents teaching themselves. True communication is two-way, people have to be able to listen and respond to your ideas," Richardson

David Vogt, director of digital learning projects at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Education, suggests the selfpublishing aspects of social media can act as a of kind of electronic resume

take command of their online image lest they reveal things that could harm their reputation.
"You have to think

about managing your presence online and make sure there's not a bunch of embarrassing stuff out there about you. You also want to provide really accurate demonstrations of how you work. Think of any-

- Consider creating and posting a video resume that shows off your personality, professional
- Pick one of the social media sites you use to be your primary page, that way it'll be easier to control what gets revealed about you

but students also need to



thing you've done as resume material — every-thing digital about yourself you can aggregate," Vogt said.

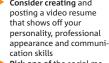
Of course, online life can have its pitfalls — particularly those of the selfinflicted variety. The simple truth of the digital

age is that if you put something into the public sphere, it can exist essentially forever, so make sure that any personal information you place on-line is of the kind that won't come back to haunt you. "Be careful about priva-

cy issues and remember that screen captures can live forever. When you're posting something and your 21, you don't want employers, future boyfriends or children asking about it years down the road," Richardson

#### social media tips

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"What I did last (off-season) allowed me to be successful. But I don't know if I'll be able to play winter ball given that we'll be in the middle of negotiations. I don't want to risk anything individually or for the team.

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"The differences of \$50,000 or \$100,000 may not seem huge, but it's actually really stressful when you're about to commit." BAUTISTA



## **Coach wants Frk** to be 'greedier'

• Russell calling on talented rookie to fire more pucks on net • Frk gets chance tonight as Halifax hosts Rimouski at 7 p.m.





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As Cam Russell puts it:

"Be a little greedier."

"He's in that mindset he doesn't want to be a selfish guy. He wants to share the puck and he's sharing it too much," the Halifax Mooseheads coach says of his highly touted rookie.

"He's got opportunities to score and he's just not taking them."

Frk, who turned 17 last week, is off to a solid start in the QMJHL with 11 points in 12 games. That includes three goals.

But the six-foot, 190-pound forward from the Czech Republic has fired just 16 shots on goal. This,

#### Captaincy

- The Halifax Mooseheads have officially named Travis Randell as the team's captain.
- The club has named overagers Pascal Amvott. Charles Bety and Gerrad Grant as assistant captains.

despite possessing what Russell calls an "NHL-cali-

good goalscorers have to have a little bit of greediness to them," Russell says. "He's such a good, nice kid, he's trying to fit in. He's trying to share the puck. He's just going to have to be a little greedier."

Still, Russell is pleased with what he's seen from Frk through the first dozen

"He's doing fine and we know he's going to be an impact player for years.'



#### **Despatie** dives to another gold medal

yesterday.

Alexandre Despatie's ninth career Commonwealth Games gold medal left the Quebec diver thinking of just one thing - rest and relaxation.

Despatie's third gold in as many days yesterday came as he combined with Reuben Ross of Pilot Butte. Sask., to win the three-metre synchronized springboard title.

"Right now, all I'm thinking about is that it's over and I'm going to take a week's vacation, Despatie said after the dramatic victory, which was sealed on the last dive.

"But we have a lot of work left to do before the season resumes. I've had a super season and I want things to continue like this toward (the Olympic Games of) 2012."

Despatie, a 25-year-old from Laval, defended his three-metre springboard title Monday and won the one-metre event Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Power shortage

- East Jeddore's Adrienne Power will be coming home from the Commonwealth Games with one medal, not two.
- A day after capturing bronze in the women's 200m final - her best ever international finish -Power just missed out on a second trip to the podium as Canada's 4x400m relay team finished in fourth place, just behind thirdplace England.
- Power, 28, was on the relay team with Amonn Nelson of Calgary, Vicki Tolton of Smithers, B.C., and Carline Muir of Edmonton.

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#### Habs look to fans to pick 3 stars

The Montreal Canadiens they will be the first NHL team to have fans pick the three stars of their games online or by mobile phone.

The new system will be in place for the team's regular season home opener tonight against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Beginning today, fans

can download a free "app" at bell.ca/canadiens that provides team news and statistics and allows fans to vote for the three stars of each game. The stars were previously picked by the television broadcasters.

Team vice-president Ray Lalonde said that based on the number of fans who vote for the player of the game on the RDS website they expect between 5,000 and 10,000 votes per game, with more for the most important games. Lalonde said there are measures in place to prevent awkward selections. They will automatically hand the first star to a player who scores in overtime, for instance.

Lalonde boasts that the Canadiens lead the league with 470,000 Facebook friends" and 72,000 followers on Twitter.

## Emergency clause gives Devils room

New Jersey's barren lineup raises CBA questions that are without easy answers • Club dressed 17 players Monday

The New Jersey Devils have given the hockey world no shortage of things to talk about over the last few months.

The most recent topic of conversation is the capstrapped team's decision to dress only 17 players against Pittsburgh Monday afternoon — a move that comes with plenty of interesting questions about the salary cap.

NHL teams are supposed to ice lineups with 20 players, including goaltenders. Injuries to Brian Rolston and Anton Volchenkov, and a one-game suspension to Pierre Luc Letourneau-Leblond accounted for New Jersey's missing players.

Under normal circumstances, a team would probably have called up some replacements from the American Hockey League. But the Devils didn't have room under the \$59.4-million US salary cap to add anyone else to their roster.

As a result, they sent out just 15 skaters and two

There are no shortage of storylines in New Jersey. One of which is that of Ilya Kovalchuk, who hasn't scored since signing his \$100million deal.

goaltenders for a 3-1 loss to the Penguins. The NHL allowed it to happen because the situation constituted an "emergency" — at least as it's applied to clause 16.4 (b) of the CBA: "Except in case of emergency, there shall be no reduction of the required minimum playing rosters of the clubs, below eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goaltenders.

Fair enough. But what

Devils GM Lou Lamoriello told reporters in New Jersey the team will dress 18 players for its game in Buffalo today, including newly signed forward Adam Mair.

Some in the hockey

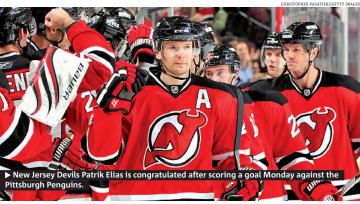
world are suggesting this essentially amounts to circumvention of the salary cap - something the Devils were penalized for in the Ilya Kovalchuk negotiations - because they are avoiding making a tough roster decision by going shortstaffed.

Others point to the fact that teams have been allowed to employ the tactic in the past, including the Calgary Flames in 2009 and the Devils themselves in

The key question to consider is at what point does the Devils situation cease to be an emergency rather than regular practice? At least for now, it passes muster.

"At this point in time, we believe that New Jersey's decisions vis-a-vis its roster and gameday lineup have been compliant with the team's obligations under the CBA," deputy commissioner Bill Daly said yester-

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NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said there is no timetable for wrapping up an investigation of an Internet report that alleged Vikings quarterback Brett Favre sent racy text messages and lewd photos to a former New York Jets game hostess.

Red Wings defenceman Brian Rafalski is out three to four weeks after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.

Dwyane Wade resumed some light exercise and will likely begin what the Miami Heat call "extensive court work" in about a week.

Islanders defenceman James Wisniewski was suspended by the NHL for two games yesterday because of an obscene gesture he made toward Sean Avery during a game Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#### **Future of** Liverpool depends on judge's ruling

The future of Liverpool hinges on a ruling by a British judge after a High Court hearing yesterday that exposed the sharp divisions over the proposed sale of the Premier League club to the parent company of the Boston Red Sox

Royal Bank of Scotland, which holds the bulk of the club's debt, is seeking a court order to back an agreement that gives three Liverpool directors the power to go through with a 300-million pound (\$483 million) sale to New England Sports Ventures THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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# Hyundai's Smart alternator

### DRIVING FORCE

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Very seldom do auto companies make giant strides in fuel economy through the use of single technologies. More often, it's the result of small savings here and there, which all add up – including "smart" alternator technology used by companies such as Hyundai.

The car's alternator generates electricity to recharge the battery while the engine is running. The shaft that spins inside the alternator to make electricity runs off the car's engine, requiring some of its power. The alternator's shaft is always turning, but

"They're small numbers (in fuel savings), but everything counts."
JOHN JURIGA, HYUNDAI DIRECTOR OF POWERTRAIN

it draws more engine power when it is required to charge the battery, which can happen when accessories such as lights, wipers or the stereo drain it.

"The battery is constantly losing energy to feed

#### Lowdown

"Smart" alternator technology, which is used by several auto manufacturers, consists primarily of software programming in the vehicle's existing engine control module, making it a relatively simple and inexpensive way to save fuel. these systems, and when it gets low enough, it says, 'I need more energy,' and the alternator feeds the battery," says John Juriga, director of powertrain at the Hyundai Kia America Technical Center in Detroit, Michigan. "With a smart alternator, there's a constant check as to what the battery voltage is."

system, the smart alternator selects the best time to recharge the battery, such as during deceleration. When the driver is accelerating, and if the battery doesn't need to be charged immediately, the smart alternator holds off. "You want that energy to go to the wheels, to move the vehicle forward," Juriga savs.

says.

The smart alternator itself contains some electronics, but the system primarily depends on the engine control module, which determines the battery's charge, the vehicle's speed, and if the car is decelerating.

celerating.

"If the battery voltage was below the minimum threshold, it would still charge the battery during acceleration," Juriga says.

"You'd lose a little per-

formance, but the battery takes priority and that's why it's 'smart.' It can decide when it makes the most sense to charge the battery, rather than just being ignorant of how the vehicle is operating. They're small numbers (in fuel savings), but everything counts."

#### Laramie combines power, luxury

Chrysler Group LLC unveiled the most luxurious Ram Truck ever produced by the company at the recent Texas State Fair.

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Laramie Longhorn edition is available in five colour choices, including an exclusive Sagebrush with White Gold exterior

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#### **AFTER MORE** THAN 80 YEARS, THE V8 STILL RULES

The latest Ford F-150 is a prime example

enry Ford was backed into a corner. It was late in the 1920s, and both Plymouth and Chevrolet had modern cars with new six-cylinder engines. Ford, however, was still plugging away with the longin-the-tooth four-cylinder Model A.

Chevy, in particular,

was eating big chunks of

Henry's lunch. He knew he had to do something drastic.

He charged his best engineers to design a low-priced V8 motor with a one-piece cylinder block. Previous V8 designs had two or more sections, making them very labour intensive to build, and consequently, expensive.

The resulting motor

displaced 221 cubic inches (3.6-litres), made 65 hp, and debuted in the 1932 Ford I8 (soon to be known and loved as "The Deuce"

Reliability didn't come overnight, but when it did, so did V8 love on a big scale. The mass-pro-duced V8 was on its way to becoming the bedrock of the American auto industry, and an American icon.

Fast forward to the 2011 model year, and we see that Ford has once again done some heavy thinking about the V8. The current and best-selling F-150 full-size pickup has flaunted its "all V8" powertrain choices for some time now, but 2011 sees it embrace a new vision - two new V6s, and two new V8s

It's the most extensive



powertrain overhaul in the truck's 62-year history (see sidebar).

If you look at the numbers it's obvious the V6s

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#### and 380 torques, and

- 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6, with 360 hp and 420 torques, and 11,300 lbs towing ca-
- and 434 torques, and 11,300 lbs towing capaci-

can do the job and then some — and they promise "better-than-V8" fuel economy (though the new V8s also boast improved efficiency). This portends a "V6" sea change for the full-size pickup market, one of the last strongholds for V8 power.

But the inclusion of the new 5.0-litre V8, which also sees duty in the 2011 Mustang GT, speaks volumes about the V8 engine.

#### Correction

#### Fiesta is available now

Metro Drive reported that Ford Fiesta 2011 would be available in showrooms next summer. The Ford Fiesta 2011 subcompact model is available in showrooms now.

#### Options

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## Interest in Leaf is electric

### ● 20,000 have signed up to buy Nissan's all-electric car ● That puts model well ahead of target

Consumer interest for the Nissan LEAF continues to grow, as Nissan North America Inc. announced its 20,000th reservation for the 100 per cent electric car.

Nissan had anticipated reaching its stated target of 20,000 reservations at the time of the first U.S. Nissan LEAF delivery, in December.

Nissan now is focusing on providing the best level of customer service and premium ownership experience to those who already have enrolled. A subsequent phase of reservations will begin next year, after current reservations and orders have been processed.

Consumers who already have made reservations will continue to have the opportunity to purchase or lease an all-electric Nissan LEAF. Nissan is following

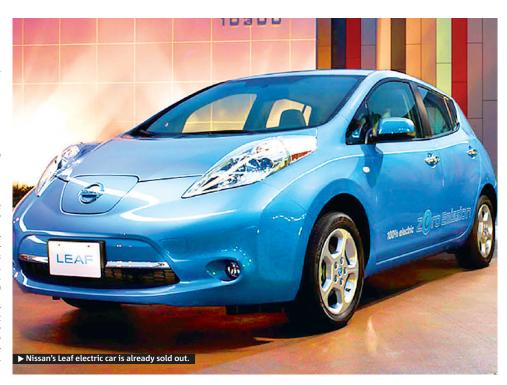
#### Reservations

Achieving 20,000 reservations marks the successful completion of the first phase of the Nissan LEAF rollout, which began more than five months ago, and no further reservations will be taken until next year.

its planned order-release timing for existing reservationists

Orders have been prioritized based on market timing and when consumers submitted their original reservations online and paid their refundable (US) \$99 reservation fee.

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Many owners, reviewers, enthusiasts and even weekend motorsport afficionados say the last-generation BMW M3 is one of the ultimate sports cars of the modern era.

Though a huge price tag and relative exclusivity meant the M3 wasn't always an easily-attainable car, the last-generation model is now becoming a popular and more affordable used car buy than ever.

The last complete M3 generation was on sale to us Canadians from 2001 to 2006 inclusive. All models were rear-drive, two-doors offered in coupe or convertible body styles. The

#### The specs

- MODEL 2001 to 2006 BMW
- VEHICLE TYPE Coupe or convertible
- ► APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE \$17,500 to \$27,000

model launched with a 3.2 litre straight-six engine with 333 horsepower and 262 lb.-ft of torque.

Yee haw.

A six-speed stick was standard, and a six-speed Sequential Manual Gearbox (SMG) was added to the options list later in this generation's life.

The SMG transmission effectively automated the manual unit, putting two shifting modes at the driver's disposal.

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The SMG was a hightech toy enjoyed by many



owners – though it was often considered harsh, clumsy and abrupt. Unproven reliability and a complex computer system will likely increase repair costs should the SMG require repair.

Those who prefer a stick-shift are advised to stick to their guns.

Other hardware included automatic climate con-

trol, a Harmon Kardon audio system, powered and heated leather seats, a self-dimming rearview mirror and a set of automatic xenon headlamps.

#### What owners like

Performance, prestige, exclusivity, brand reputation and styling all rate highly amongst last-generation M3 owners.

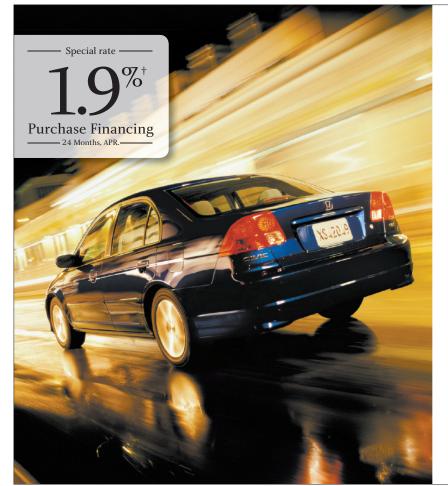
#### What owners hate

Common M3 complaints include a harsh ride on some surfaces, excessive fuel consumption and limited space and practicality.

#### Common issues

Numerous M3 models produced between early 2001 and mid 2003 were recalled for a bearing and lubrication problem that could cause engine failure. As such, avoid earlier models where possible.

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1 Use a teaspoon 5 That woman 8 Wound cover 12 One of LBJ's daughters 13 Candle material 14 Jason's ship

15 Cute story

17 Bound 18 Package

19 Helicopter blades 21 Under the weather 22 Anything but that

23 Scenery chewer 26 Journey segment 28 Sleep soundly? 31 Final notice

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40 Tackle's teammate 41 Resign 43 Insult (SI.)

works

45 Curriculum compo-47 Extreme selfishness

51 Stratford's river 52 "I Luv U" message 54 Clarinetist Fountain

55 Pendulum's place 56 Particular 57 Quarry

58 Attempt 59 Mafia boss

1 Hit open-handedly 2 Albacore, e.g.

5 Distended 6 Chapeau

Down

3 Bakery employee 32 U.S. Open, e.g. 4 Actress Christina 34 Unwillingness to boast

20 Surprise cries 23 Go like a bunny 24 Copper head? 25 Interviewee's worry 27 Moo — gai pan 29 Scooted 30 Days of yore, once

37 One of the kin

7 Put forth, as strength

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## ➤ Yesterday's answer

#### Sudoku

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#### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Today

Yesterday's answer ▶

12°/3°

Partly cloudy

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8	1	7	4	9	3	6	2	5
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Thursday

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Cristin- After five years of us you are still "kissing my teeth", that's because I am still smiling when you do. I love you so very much and always wake up happy because vou are beside me. in everything, in life. WITH ALL MY LOVE, YOUR (GROWLY) BEAR

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T Aries March 21-April 20 You may lose out in one area today but you will make up for it in another. Life is all about balance and circumstances will always conspire to bring you back to a point of equilibrium.

#### ¥ Taurus April 21-May 21

Avoid entanglements of an emotional nature. Above all avoid situations where you may be required to take sides. You've got enough problems of your own to deal with.

#### II Gemini May 22-June 21

Some people you get along with and some people you don't and that's just the way it is. You don't have to apologize for avoiding someone you don't much like. Maybe they should apologize!

#### Gancer June 22-July 22

on a personal level will make it possible for you to get ahead professionally or financially today. It's not always the case that duty and pleasure should be kept apart.

**↑ Leo July 23-Aug.23** You will have to make some kind of sacrifice today but you won't for those less fortunate than

#### **117 Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 A

friend desperately needs your assistance but is afraid to ask, not least because the mess they are in is somewhat embarrassing. Fortunately you will go out of your way to help.

Someone you have feelings for

mind a bit — in fact it will feel good to do something positive

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 ← Libra Sept. 23-0ct. 23 It may worry you that someone is being so secretive but you have nothing to fear. The reason they don't want you to know what they are up to is because they're afraid you won't approve.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be going through a difficult phase but you are not alone. If you ask for help today you will be surprised by how much you get. It's called loyalty.

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Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Play by the rules, even if you are pretty sure that you could get away with ignoring them. You may not realize it but you are a role model to a great many people.

#### り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Someone will flatter you shamelessly today and although you know they have ulterior motives it will still do your ego a power of good.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Is your work a chore? Then it's the wrong thing for you. Take time out of your busy schedule to ask yourself what kind of work would make you happy then start moving towards that as your goal.

)-( Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 A creative project will start to come right today and you will be delighted to have something to show for your efforts. But don't stop there. Now you've got the momentum going you must keep it going. SALLY BROMPTON

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